

pushed forward until they had penetrated into the streets of Winchester. Here the fighting was spirited, until the troops were ordered out of the town by General Early. But they went no farther than the outskirts, and during the day kept in check the Fifth Maryland Federal Regiment with its supports.

On this day Major Goldsborough's orders were to keep the enemy engaged, but not to press forward. The object was to amuse him and distract his attention from the real points of attack.

After a reconnoissance of the enemy's position by Generals Ewell and Early, it was determined to move Hays', Hoke's and Smith's Brigades and the rest of Jones' and Brown's battalions of artillery to the left, across the Romney road, about three miles from Winchester. After crossing the Romney road General Early soon reached a good position for posting his artillery within easy range of the enemy's works on the hill overlooking his main fort. Colonel Jones, in command of the artillery, placed his guns in position as quietly and quickly as possible. The artillery was divided so as to put twelve pieces in an orchard and eight pieces on the edge of a cornfield north of a woods. Hays' splendid Louisiana Brigade had been selected to make the assault upon the fort.

About an hour before sundown Jones brought his artillery by hand over the crest into position, and opened with the whole of his twenty pieces before the enemy was aware of his proximity, so much was he absorbed in the skirmishing so vigorously pressed by the Second Maryland Infantry on the opposite side of the town.

So rapid and destructive was the fire from Jones' batteries that in half an hour the enemy's guns in his fortifications were silenced, when General Harry Hays was ordered to make the assault. With a yell, the gallant Louisianians dashed forward, over abatis of brushwood, over every obstacle, and swarmed into the fort, taking six pieces of artillery, and at once turned them upon the columns of the enemy that were being formed to recapture the fort.

In the meantime the skirmishers of the Second Maryland Infantry had not been idle, and their vigorous and persistent attack upon the enemy posted in the cemetery had not only diverted his attention from the real point of attack, but had kept a large force from co-operating with the main body. When night set in they held the position they had been ordered to in the morning by General Early, and had successfully repulsed two assaults of the enemy, in one of which Lieutenant Joseph P. Quinn, of Company E, was captured through his own indiscretion.

Late in the evening of the 14th Major Harry Gilmor brought an order from General Ewell to Major Goldsborough to press on into Winchester at the break of day, and if possible ascertain at intervals during the night what the enemy was doing. From reports made by several of his most reliable men who were